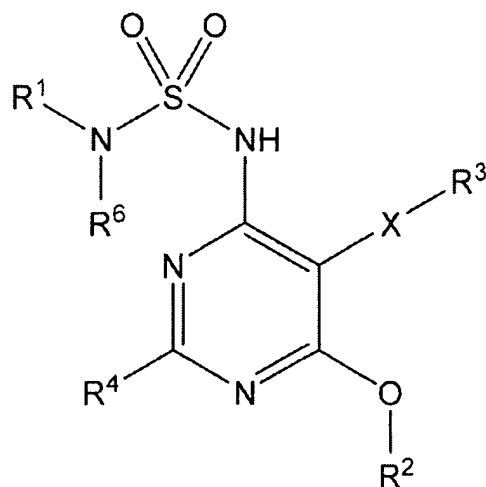


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously presented) A compound of the **general formula I**,



General Formula I

wherein

R¹ represents lower alkyl-O-(CH₂)_n-, cycloalkyl-O-(CH₂)_n-, cycloalkyl-CH₂-O-(CH₂)_n-;

R² represents -CH₃; R^a-Y-(CH₂)_m-;

R³ represents aryl; heteroaryl;

R⁴ represents hydrogen; trifluoromethyl; lower alkyl; lower alkyl-amino; lower alkyloxy; lower alkyloxy-lower alkyloxy; hydroxy-lower alkyloxy; lower alkyl-sulfinyl; lower alkylthio; lower alkylthio-lower alkyl; hydroxy-lower alkyl; lower alkyloxy-lower alkyl; hydroxy-lower alkyloxy-lower alkyl; hydroxy-lower alkyl-amino; lower alkylamino-lower alkyl; amino; di-lower alkylamino; [N-(hydroxy-lower alkyl)-N-(lower alkyl)]-amino; aryl; arylamino; aryl-lower alkylamino; aryl-thio; aryl-lower alkylthio; aryloxy; aryl-lower alkyloxy; aryl-lower alkyl; arylsulfinyl; heteroaryl; heteroaryl-oxy; heteroaryl-amino; heteroarylthio; heteroaryl-lower alkyl; heteroarylsulfinyl; heterocyclyl; heterocyclyl-lower alkyloxy; heterocyclyoxy; heterocyclyl-amino; heterocyclyl-lower alkylamino;

heterocyclylthio; heterocyclyl-lower alkylthio; heterocyclyl-lower alkyl;
heterocyclylsulfinyl; cycloalkyl; cycloalkyloxy; cycloalkyl-lower alkyloxy;
cycloalkylamino; cycloalkyl-lower alkylamino; cycloalkylthio; cycloalkyl-lower alkylthio;
cycloalkyl-lower alkyl; cycloalkylsulfinyl;

R^6 represents hydrogen or methyl;

X represents oxygen; sulfur; $-CH_2-$ or a bond;

Y represents a bond, $-O-$; $-NH-$; $-SO_2-NH-$; $-NH-SO_2-NH-$; $-O-CO-$; $-CO-O-$; $-O-CO-NH-$; $-NH-CO-O-$; $-NH-CO-NH-$;

n represents the integers 2, 3, or 4;

m represents the integers 2, 3, or 4; and

R^a represents aryl, heteroaryl, lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, hydrogen;

and optically pure enantiomers, mixtures of enantiomers, optically pure diastereomers, mixtures of diastereomers, diastereomeric racemates, mixtures of diastereomeric racemates and the meso-forms and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

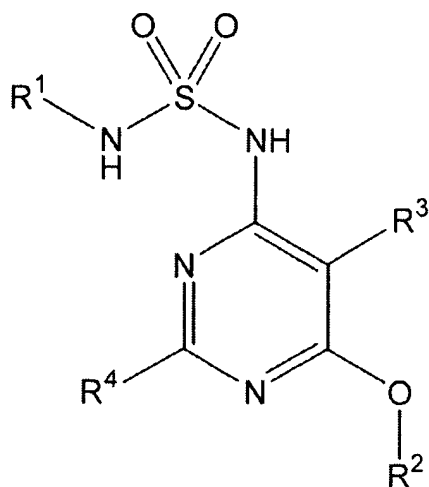
2. (Previously presented) The compound of claim 1, wherein R^3 represents phenyl, mono- or di-substituted phenyl substituted with ethoxy, methoxy or chlorine and X represents oxygen, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

3. (Previously presented) The compound of claim 1, wherein R^3 represents phenyl, mono- or di-substituted phenyl substituted with ethoxy, methoxy or chlorine, X represents oxygen and R^2 represents $-(CH_2)_m-Y-R^a$, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

4. (Previously presented) The compound of claim 1, wherein R^3 represents phenyl, mono- or di-substituted phenyl substituted with ethoxy, methoxy or chlorine, X represents

oxygen and R^2 represents $-(CH_2)_2-O-R^a$, with R^a being heteroaryl, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

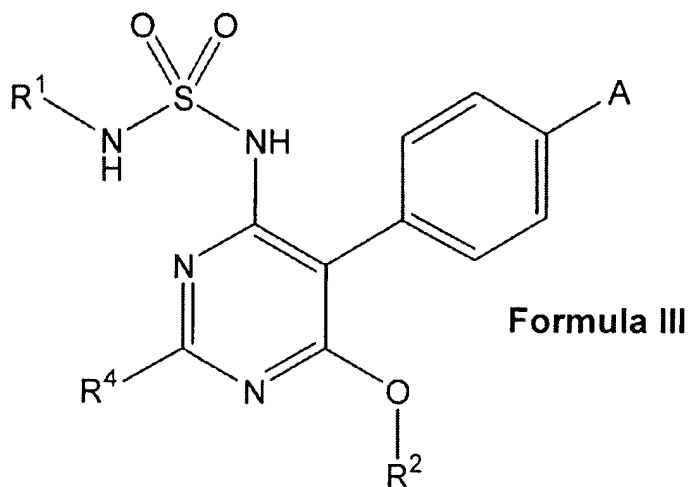
5. (Previously presented) The compound of claim 1, said compound having **formula II**



Formula II

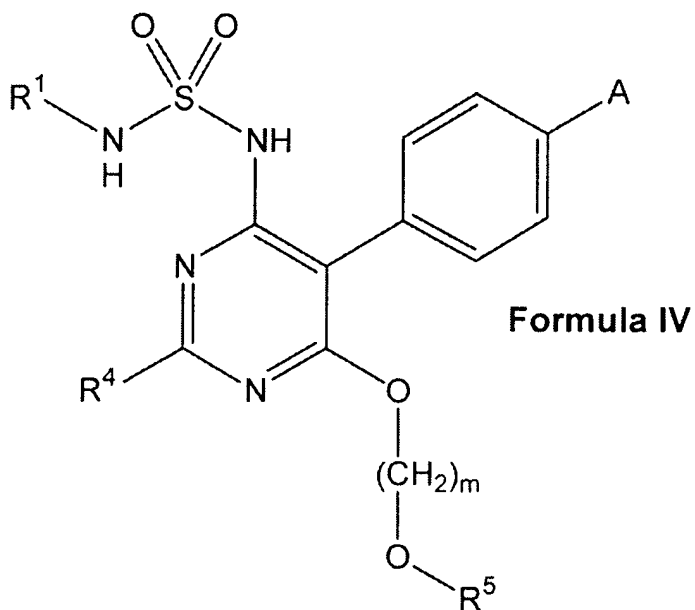
and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compound.

6. (Previously presented) The compound of claim 1, said compound having **formula III**



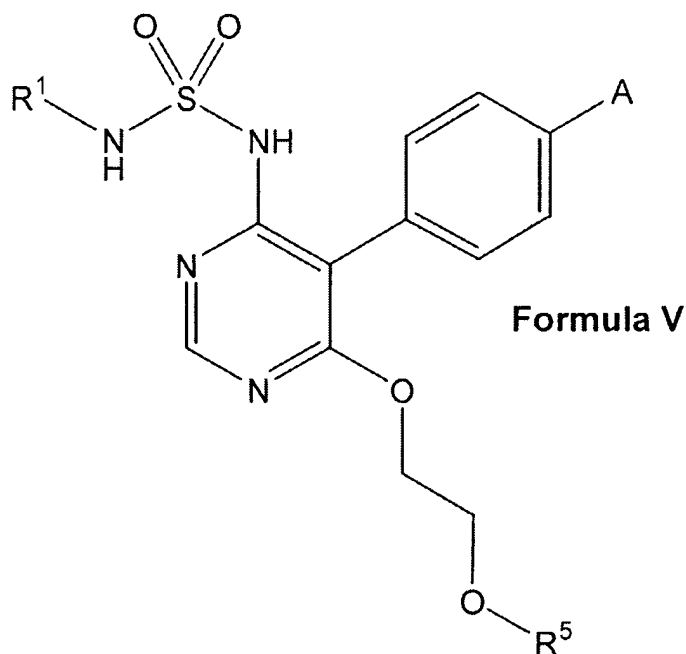
wherein **A** represents hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, chlorine, bromine, fluorine, trifluoromethyl or methoxy, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compound.

7. (Previously presented) The compound of claim 1, said compound having **formula IV**



wherein **A** represents hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, chlorine, bromine, fluorine, trifluoromethyl or methoxy, and **R⁵** represents aryl or heteroaryl, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compound.

8. (Previously presented) The compound of claim 1, said compound having **formula V**



wherein **A** represents hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, chlorine, bromine, fluorine, trifluoromethyl or methoxy and **R⁵** represents aryl or heteroaryl, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compound.

9. (Previously presented) The compound of claim 8, wherein **R⁵** represents a substituted pyrimidine, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compound.

10. (Previously presented) The compound of claim 1, wherein R¹ represents CH₃-O-CH₂CH₂-, and R⁶ represents and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compound.

11. (Previously presented) The compound of claim 8, wherein R¹ represents CH₃-O-CH₂CH₂-, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compound.

12. (Previously presented) A compound selected from the group consisting of:

2-Methoxy-ethanesulfamic acid [6-[2-(5-bromo-pyrimidin-2-yloxy)-ethoxy]-5-(2-chloro-5-methoxy-phenoxy)-pyrimidin-4-yl]-amide;

2-Methoxy-ethanesulfamic acid {5-(4-bromophenyl)-6-[2-(5-bromopyrimidin-2-yloxy)-ethoxy]-pyrimidin-4-yl}-amide;

2-Methoxy-ethanesulfamic acid {5-(4-bromophenyl)-6-[2-(5-methylsulfonyl-pyrimidin-2-yloxy)-ethoxy]-pyrimidin-4-yl}-amide; and

2-Methoxy-ethanesulfamic acid {5-(4-bromophenyl)-6-[2-(5-methoxypyrimidin-2-yloxy)-ethoxy]-pyrimidin-4-yl}-amide.

Claims 13 – 27. (Cancelled)

28. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

Claims 29 – 34. (Cancelled)